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Bomb to Reagan intercepted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (R) Secret service agents today investigated a crude letterbomb addressed to President Reagan which was intercepted and defused in the White House mail room. A spokesman for the secret service, which is responsible for protecting the president's life, said the device was so badly made "it's doubtful whether it would have worked at all." The bomb was discovered vesterday during a routine X-ray inspection in the mail room, which is in the executive office building adjoining the White House. The spokesman declined to speculate whether Puerto Rican gierrillas, who have carried out several bomb attacks in the United States as part of a campaign for full independence for the territory, were responsible.

Israelis defuse bomb

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec. 18 (R) - Israeli bomb disposal experts detonated a time bomb outside a Jerusalem supermarket today, police said. A spokesman said the bomb was apparently planted by Palestinian commandos and called on the public to be on the alert for all suspicious objects.

Percy visits Rabat

RABAT, Morocco, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Charles Percy arrived in Morocco this afternoon for a visit of several days. The Illinois Republican is expected to tour Morocco and meet with Moroccan leaders, officials here said. Mr. Percy visited Morocco in 1976 as a special envoy to mark the American bicentennial celebration.

U.S. to aid Morocco

RABAT, Dec. 18 (R) - The U.S. ambassador in Rabat was quoted today as saying American military aid to Morocco would soon prove efficient in its war against Polisario guerrillas in the Western Sahara. The pro-government daily newspaper Le Matin du Sahara quoted Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed as saying concrete steps had been taken after guerrillas stormed a Moroccan garrison last October. Last night Gen. Vernon L. Walters, the Reagan administration's ambassadorat-large, arrived in Rabat for talks with King Hassan and other officials that are expected to focus on U.S. arms support for Morocco's war in the Western Sahara, official sources said.

Spanish premier visits Tunis, Guinea

MADRID, Dec. 18 (R) -Spanish Prime Minister Leopoido Calvo Sotelo left here today for a five-day tour of Tunisia and of Equatorial Guinea, Spain's former African colony. Mr. Calvo Sotelo and Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez Llorca will spend three days in Tunis and fly on to Malabo next Monday.

Chatti is OK

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 (R) - The secretary-general of the Islamic Conference Organisation. Habib Chatti, is recovering satisfactorily from open heart surgery in the United States and should be able to resume work within two months, the organisation's secretariat said today. Mr. Chatti. 65, underwent surgery on Dec. 3 at the Cleveland clinic in Ohio. A Tunisian, he was elected to head the 42-state organisation in October, 1979.

51 killed in India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (R) -At least 51 people have died as the result of a spell of cold weather gripping parts of northern India, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said today.

Licence for Arabic daily granted

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) - The cabinet has granted a licence to Dar Al Sha'b company to issue a daily newspaper under the name of Al Sha'b, Al Ra'i newspaper reported today. It said that a number of government departments have acquired shares in the company's capital which had been JD 700,000.

The government, as represented by its departments, has added JD 1.3 million to this capital, thus making its total amount to JD 2 million, the paper said.

Financiers meet on Aqaba thermal project

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — The second meeting of Arab and international institutions involved in financing the Aqaba thermal power station opened in Amman yesterday at the invitation of the National Planning Council (NPC).

Speaking on the subject in an interview with Petra, the Jordan News Agency, Jordan Electricity Authority Director-General Hisham Al Khatib said that the station is designed to be connected directly with the national grid, to feel all parts of the country. Power produced by the station will also be used to feed major development projects in southern Jordan and meet the country's social and industrial needs between 1986 and 1990, Dr. Khatib added.

On the selection of Agaba as the site for the project, he said that it was made so that seawater could be used for cooling purposes. The first phase of the JD 108

million project entails the con-struction of two 130-megawatt power generating units, to be operational at the end of 1985 and the middle of 1986 respectively. Invited to the meeting are the

Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Kuwait fund for Arab Economic Development, Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau (KFW) of West Germany, the Iraqi Fund for External Development, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Saudi Arab Economic Development Fund, the Islamic Development Bank and the OPEC Fund.

Also participating in the meeting are representatives from the French and British embassies in Amman and an Italian government delegate.



Deputy chief U.S. delegate at the U.N. raises his hand as U.S. joined fellow Security Council members in condemning annexation of Golan

U.N. demands rescission of Golan annexation law

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 18 (R) - The United States joined the 14 other members of the U.N. Security Council last night in demanding that Israel must rescind its law annexing the Golan Heights, occupied from Syria in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

But Israel's delegate, Yehuda Blum, immediately announced that his government could not accept the resolution, which instructed the secretary-general to report within two weeks on whether Israel had complied with the demand.

If Israel does not rescind the law, Syria has said it will call on the council to impose sanctions aga-

The motion said that in the event of Israel's non-compliance the council would reconvene no later than Jan. 5 to "consider taking appropriate measures in accordance with the charter of the United Nations."

This wording enabled the United States, which opposes the Israeli action but would not agree to sanctions, to support the resolution.

It was the second time in six months that the United States had voted in the council against its friend and ally. In June it joined in adopting a resolution condemning Israel for attacking Iraq's nuclear

Explaining his vote, U.S. Amb-assador Charles Lichenstein said the United States deeply regretted and opposed the action of the Israeli Knesset in purporting to extend permanent Israeli control over the Golan Heights.

Mr. Blum, declaring that Israel could not and did not account the resolution, said it ignored Syria's persistent aggression against the state of Israel since the very day it was established in 1948."

Syrian delegate Din-Allah Al Fattal said the resolution was disected against Israell aggression, it did not ask Syria to do anything except defend its rights.

Rejecting Israel's charges of Syrian aggression, he said Israel had been established by aggression of the Zionists again-t Palestine."

If Israel did not comply with the resolution, he added, "we shall request that sanctions should be imposed upon this so-called state. which respects no law, no mor-

The Arab League's U.N. observer, Clovis Maksoud, said in a statement that he hoped the resolution would "deter further israeli aggression as well as testote the credibility and effectiveness of the U.N. machinery."

night demanding that Israel res-cind its Golan Heights law. The United States joined Israel in voting against the motion because it called for sanctions if Israel failed viames or

The vote was 121 to two, with 20 abstentions. The countries abstaining inc-

luded Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan, Liberia, Norway, Sweden and all members of the **Furopeun Economic Community** скост Спесс.

The assembly also adopted a resolution condemning Israel's continued occupation of the Palestinian and other Arab territories, including Jerusalem." and demandary its immediate and unconditional v

The motion, approved by 94 votes to 16 with 28 abstentions, implicitly rejected the Camp David accords and said the recently-signed strategic pact between the United States and istual would hencourage Israel to pured by aggressive and expansioned policies.

it said a just and comprehensive Medle East settlement could not be achieved without the participation on an equal faoring of all the parties, including the Pal-The U.N. General Assembly estine Liberation Organisation,

Keagan suspends pact with Israel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (R) -The United States is suspending its strategic cooperation agreement with Israel because of the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights, the State Department said today.

It said Israel's action last Sunday did not uphold the spirit of the U.S.-Israeli agreement that obliged each country to take account of the impact of its decisions on the other's policy concerns.

Israelis surprised

The Reagan administration's decision surprised Israelis, even though they had expected American condemnation.

The officials denied a State Department charge that last Sunday's annexation did not uphold the spirit of the strategic accord.

The pact, signed in Washington on Dec. 1 by both countries' defence ministers, had not been linked to the Israeli-Arab conflict at Washington's insistence, the off-

The agreement did not refer to Arab confrontation states but was aimed at blocking the introduction of Soviet forces to the area, they

The officials said Israel had no duty to coordinate with the U.S. on subjects concerning Arab confrontation states.

Israel radio reported earlier today the U.S. had also decided to suspend a decision to buy military equipment worth \$200 million from Israeli industry.

Israeli government officials said Israel totally rejected United Nations Security Council resolution demanding that it rescind its annexation of the Golan Heights,

taken from Syria in 1967. Israel denied that the law adopted by the Israeli Knesset (parliament) extending the Israeli legal system and administration amounted to absolute annexation.

Reagan deplores law

build-up on the plateau was def-

At a White House news conference yesterday U.S. President Ronald Reagan said he was "caught by surprise" when Israel moved to annex the Golan Hei-

Mr. Reagan noted Washington has "registered...disagreement" and had "deplored" Israel's unilateral action regarding the Golan. He said Israel's action made it more difficult to achieve peace in

the Middle East. The U.S. president said Israel's effort "introduces a factor that complicates things" in the Middle East. But he also noted that after an initial setback, the "autonomy" talks for residents of the West Bank of Jordan are going forward, and he expressed hope for con-Defence Minister Ariel Sharon · tinued progress in the talks betsaid Israel had no plans to wage ween Israel and Egypt.

ministers meet Monday Arab foreign

TUNIS, Dec. 18 (R) - A ministerial meeting of the 22-member Arab League will be held next Monday to discuss Israel's decision to annex the Syrian Golan Heights, league sources said today.

They added that the meeting would probably take place here in Tunis where the organisation has

been based since 1979.

All Arab foreign ministers were expected to attend, with the exception of a representative of Egypt whose membership was suspended after the signature of a separate peace treaty with Israel, the

Soviet Union links Israeli move to annex

Golan Heights to U.S. militaristic policies

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (R) - The Soviet Union today condemned Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights as a gross violation of international law and a dangerous aggravation of tensions in the Middle

A statement from the official Soviet news agency TASS said the action was "closely linked with the militaristic policy of the United States."

It said: "TASS is authorised to state that this decision is regarded in the leading circles of the Soviet Union ... as a gross violation of the U.N. charter and international law.

"This action of Israel, a provocative and hostile one towards the Arabs, and directly towards the Syrian Arab Republic, is leading to a still more

Bahraini capital. Manama, tom-

orrow and sign a security coo-

Aziz, was scheduled to fly to Man-

ama tomorrow morning for a

one-day visit and talks with his

Bahraini counterpart, Sheikh

Mohammad Ibn Khalifa.

the government of Bahrain.

press agency reported today.

dangerous aggravation of the situation in the Mid-

TASS said the United Nations must use its powers to give a "firm rebuff" to Israel's action but did

The statement said the measure was a direct consequence of the Washington-sponsored Camp David peace agreement between Israel and Egypt.

"However hard Israel may try to consolidate its hold on the occupied Arab territories, this a hopeless thing. No-one can deprive the Arab peoples of their inalienable sovereign rights. Time will come when history will say its final word in the matter."

Italian Red Brigades kidnap U.S. general

ROME, Dec. 18 (R) — The Red Brigade kidnappers of a U.S. army general today defied a massive police dragnet in northern Italy as Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini chaired an emergency meeting of security chiefs and key min-

isters in Rome. Thousands of police set up road-blocks throughout the north to find Brig. Gen. James Dozier, the senior NATO officer snatched from his Verona home last night by a commando of four or five

gest in the world.

time being, Israel radio reported.

pharmaceuticals retailing chain.

Jewish people as its chief reason for existence.

"This is certainly a quantum leap in the strategy of terrorism." Mr. Spadolini said after hearing reports from police and counterespionage chiefs and ministers.

Mr. Spadolini was left in no doubt today about U.S. concern. He said he had received message from President Ronald Reagan. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger. No details were disclosed. The brigades, Italy's most res-

ilient and ruthless urban gue-

Israeli emigrant forced

to withdraw from post

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (A.P.) - Arye Genger, whose nomination to a

senior defence ministry post caused a storm of controversy because

he emigrated from Israel 15 years ago, decided today to withdraw

Mr. Genger, 36, told a press conference that he would not take up a position as overseer of Israel's military industry because of threats to his family and claims that "I am a traitor and a criminal." He expressed the hope that Israel would find a way not to reject the

Mr. Genger returned to Israel only two days earlier to take up the post to which he had been nominated by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon.

Defence ministry staff staged a one-hour strike yesterday for the

first time since the establishment of the state to protest Mr. Genger's

appointment. Critics noted that Mr. Genger did not return to fight in

Israel's wars and had refused to give up his American citizenship,

which he holds in addition to his Israeli passport.

The ministry staff also criticised Gen. Sharon for not consulting them on Mr. Genger's appointment, which would have put him in charge of making budget cuts in the ministry and seeking outlets

abroad for Israel's armaments industry, reportedly the seventh lar-

Gen. Sharon expressed his sorrow for any pain caused Mr. Genger

Mr. Genger emigrated in 1966 during a widespread recession in

Although Israelis are free to emigrate they carry with them the

stigma of betraying their country which sees the ingathering of the

and his family and said the post would remain open to him for the

the Israeli economy. After studying business administration at New York University he rose to become a \$200,000-a-year president of a

from the position because of public criticism.

thousands of Israelis who were now living abroad.

rrillias, have never before a fected. a foreign target is their 19-year hombing.

They claimed responsibility last night in Milan, some 160 km hom Verona, If they follow their own precedent a communicative with their motives and detainable will come within days.

Bife Gen. Dozter, a Victium voteran aged 50, is a senior U.S. history of killings, abade the sensition atther in southern Europe. As deputy chief of staff for logistus and administration for allied land forces at the NATO heademarters in Verona, he had access to secret military information which the brigades will certainly

the or extract during interalogation.

Salisbury blast kills 6

SALISBURY, Dec. (8) R. — 1, powerful explosion desistated the Zimberwe hecaquest, which Prince Minister Robert Magabe's Zanu-PF party is central Sainstary today and the government said six people were killed. A short statement from the information ministry two hours after

the blast said a few other people, were injured and taken to hospital, The statement and the cause of the blast inside the five-floor building on a main shopping street had not yet been determined. But police officers on the scene said they suspected a bomb.

A staff member at Salebury central hospital said he has counted about 40 casualties but could give no details of their condition. Relays of ambulonces temoved blooding men, women and children from the wrecked Charles Niven builting in Manieu Road after the lunch-hour blast.

Moments before the blast the street outside had been bustling with Chrismas sheppers. The explosion fore the roof and much of the rear wall off the

building, showering the areet with rupide and sheets of corrugated Windows were shattered over a wide area. Some members of a large crewd of black onlookers were in an

One white television contentions, soul he was beaten and climed by about 266 people and a white reported had his notebook torn from his hands by a man who sairing out are the ones who have done this te our reonic."

The national news agency Zunn said a white man who was heard to remark "that's a nice bomb" was beaten up by people who overheard It was the first incident of its kind in a civilian area since the seven-year Rhodesian war ended and Mr. Mugabe's black majority government took over from the white minority who had ruled the

nation for 90 years Mr. Mugabe has accused the all-white run Republican Front (RF) party of former prime minister Ian Smith of plotting to overthrow his government. An RF member of parliament was detained last week on suspicion of plotting a comp

The prime minister has also accused South Africa of launching subversive attacks on neighbouring states in an attempt to destabilise

Bahraini-Saudi security pact imminent RIYADH, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The ore declaring a revolutionary reg-interior ministers of Saudi Arabia ime in that country, according to

and Bahrain are to meet in the They were to have made their first broadcast over the official Iranian radio in Tehran, and offperation pact, the official Saudi icials in Bahrain said the group was trained and armed in Tehran. It said that the Saudi interior Bahrain has recalled its ambminister, Prince Navef Ibn Abdul

assador in Tehran and asked the franians to replace their ambassador in Manama because of what Bahraini officials described as his role in the abortive coup bid.

Meanwhile, the newspaper Al Jazira quoted Sheikh Mohammad as saying that he will brief Prince Kuwaiti and one Omani--all of Nayel on security conditions in them believed to belong to the Bahrain, after the arrest of 60 Shi'ite sect. pro-franian religious fanatics who, according to Bahraini officials, had plotted to overthrow

The 60 had stashed quantities of weapons and ammunition in four hideouts within Bahrain with the the agency without giving details. intention of fomenting unrest. assassinating top officials and tak-

ing cabinet ministers hostage bef- nation Gulf Cooperation Council ching the Saudi law.

official reports in Manama.

Sources here said that although the concept of collective security

The conspirators include 45 Bahraini nationals, 13 Saudis, one

The Saudi agency said the projected security pact calls in part for extradition of criminals between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. It also defines joint action by the two countries to combat crime, said

Saudi Arabia and Bahrain are prominent members of the six-

(GCC), wheich also includes Kuwatt, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman in an economic cooperation and collective security pact.

has already been conceived by the GCC, the "special relationship" between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain prompted Prince Navel's visit and the special security accord. The plot against Bahrain was first discovered by security aut-

rates, where six operatives were arrested and extradited to Bah-A 25-kilometre causeway finking Saudi Arabia and Bahrain across the Gulf waters has been

horities in the United Arab Emi-

approved, with Saudi Arabia bearing the entire costs of about \$550 million. The causeway will facilitate land transport between the two countries, and sources in Bahrain

said Bahrain might have to tighten, its laws with a view to mat-

Rafsanjani urges cutoff of oil supplies to U.S.

BEIRUT, Dec. 18 (A.P.) - Iran's parliament speaker urged Arabian Gulf nations today to close their oil taps to the United States for a month so that it "would not dare back Israel," the state-run Tehran radio reported.

Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Rafsanjani asked the Arab nations of the Gulf to "say they will not give any oil and to say if you come, we are ready" and to be able to endure difficulties "just like Iran." Rufsanjani made his remarks in a speech to the

weekly prayer session at Tehran University.
The hardline elergyman, a member of the Islamic Republican Party, seemed to be referring to Israel's annexation Monday night of Syria's Golan Heights. Rafsanjani suggested the Gulf nations cutoff their oil supplies to the United States and other Western nations for a month.

fran has close relations with Syria, and the Iranian government has strongly denounced the ann-

Referring to the nearly 15-month-old war with Iraq, Rafsanjani said Iran was exporting less oil "than at any time previously" and spending more money "because war costs money."

Iran exports less than one million barrels of oil

per day compared to five million before the 1979 Islamic revolution which toppled the conservative pro-Western monarchy.

Rafsanjani, who usually delivers the Friday prayer sermons in Tehran, renewed Iran's criticism of an eight-point blueprint for a comprehensive Middle East settlement which was announced by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fabd last August. The parliament speaker last month proposed creating a 50-division Islamic army to wage war on

Israel and liberate Jerusalem. He said at the time his plan should be a substitute for Fahil's blueprint. Iran and Saudi Arabia have been at loggerheads since the triumph of the Islamic revolution. Relations further deteriorated recently when Saudi officials jailed or deported Iranian fanatics dem-

onstrating or carrying portraits of Ayatollah Ruh-

ollah Khomeini. The Saudi press has been escalating its editorial attacks against the fundamentalist Iranian regime. The latest attack was reported by the official Saudi press agency which quoted the Saudi daily newspaper Okaz as saying Kisomeini's revolution "has become a source of permanent nuisance for all peace-loving countries."

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Jawad probes Iraqi, Jordanian landscapes

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

ONE WOULD not expect to see anything very new in Iraqi-born artist Bassem Sheikh Jawad's exhibition of paintings now on show at the Holiday Inn, which follows hot on the heels of his last exhibition. held only six months ago at the same venue.

Before seeing this, his third solo show in Jordan, the most one would hope for after so short a period of time, would be the gradual development of the ideas and techniques the artist had been concerned with -- which in this case had been mostly decorative work carried out on large scraps of untreated leather.

Therefore it comes as some surprise -- and relief -- to see that this decorative work has been almost entirely abandoned by the artist, and in its place are a series of watercolours which examine the relationship between the varying types of Jordanian and Iraqi landscapes. They may not be the best paintings of their kind, but they represent at least an attempt by the artist to express a vision that he obviously carries around with him wherever he goes, and as such they represent a more sincere and valid kind of art.

It is the swampy verdant beauty of the Iraqi murshes that never leaves Mr. Jawad -- that much is not difficult to see. What is more difficult to identify however, is whether the repetition of the same compositional formula -- that of the pleasingly horizontal, where the broad stretch of water is cut off from the equally broad stretch of faintly washed sky by a band of trees which hide at some point amidst their thick foliage, all but the small green dome of a tiny mosque -- is because the artist finds that it "works", or whether Mr. Jawad is obsessed with painting the same k, id of scene in all its nuances of different light and shade until the inspiration it exerts has been exhausted. One would only think of, or suspect the former because of the artist's previous decorative work. But. on talking to Mr. Jawad, one feels it is, in fact, the latter.

Nevertheless, despite assurances to the contrary, these landscapes give the impression that they are imaginary, an impression that is reinforced by the obvious reality of "Petra". This watercolour holds one's attention not only because of the strength of the dark blue early morning sky, but

also because one feels that the artist has really seen the mystery of the tall square Nabbataean tombs and the barren shrubby land that surrounds them. The other watercolours -- although attractive -- have a romantic stylised unreal feel about them, which fails to give

them the same substantial presence and conviction. Mr. Jawad has used the medium of watercolour often to good effect. The skies -- sometimes a rusty brown reflecting the earth. sometimes a more daring Virginia

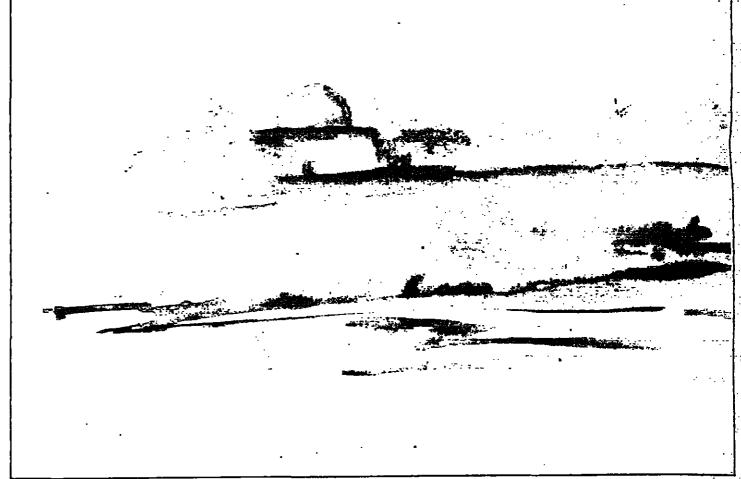
creeper red or soft pink -- are

applied in thick brushstrokes which leave much of the white of the paper visible. This emphasises the light and gives a certain spontaneity, while a blurring or smudging the colours produces well the watery reflections of the treelined bank. But the artist must take care with this technique as it can make one feel that the smudging is a mistake in the application of the medium.

The series of very small watercolours play with a similar sort 21 and prices start at JD 25 forth of theme -- tiny houses and mos- . small watercolours.

ques that dominate the flat has dscape or mingle with the trees in the same soft but good colour Where the artist has adhered in the one medium, these small pai ntings are attractive, but where he has omlined or drawn the mon que and houses with felt-tip on ours, they become deliberate heavy and overworked in the 50h washes and hues that surround

The exhibition runs until Dec



Watercolour landscape by Bassem Sheikh Jawad (detail)

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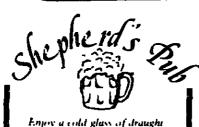
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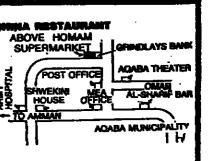


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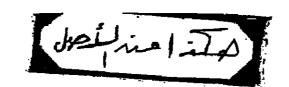
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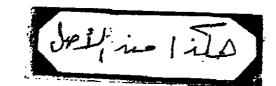
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and Charest mayor sees own Prince, Qasem

AN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — Visiting Bucharest Mayor Gheorghe sterday called on His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, 10m he exchanged views on Jordanian-Romanian economic

the Prince and the mayor emphasised the need to bolster al and economic cooperation between the two countries. Pana and his delegation were received also by Foreign Min-arwan Al Qasem. Discussion during the meeting centred on East developments and Israel's aggressive policies thrg world peace. Also discussed was Israel's recent decision to the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, in violation of United resolutions and the U.N. charter.

linner banquet given by Mayor Isam Ajlouni in honour of the est mayor and his delegation, it was announced that one of the ian capital's streets will bear the name of Amman, and one of i's streets will be named after Bucharest.

ana and his delegation today visited the ancient city of Petra.

mico board discusses ing projects, budget

N, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Arab Mining Company's board of s yesterday opened meeting at the company's headquarters review progress in projects carried out by Armico in Arab

20's participation in mining projects in Tunisia, North Yemen 10000 will also be discussed by the board, along with Armico's

e board are delegates from Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi the United Arab Emirates and Libya.

TIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

cient municipalities to be rewarded

)A, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — A ceremony will be held here tomto distribute prizes to municipalities excelling in offering services in 1980, under the patronage of His Royal Hig-Crown Prince Hassan. The total value of these prizes amo-JD 50,000, according to Al Ra'i newspaper. It said that the ceremony, to be held at the government's girls school vinning municipalities will also receive collections of books

alarm project gets JD 7,000

AN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Jordan-French Insurance any has made a JD 7,000 donation to the Civil Defence orate to help it carry out its planned rapid notice alarm i, it was announced here today. The announcement was by Director of Civil Defence Maj. Gen. Khaled Al Tar-, who said that the project will help reduce the damage I to factories and business companies in the Amman area in f fire by enabling five trucks to get to the scene quickly. Maj. Tarawneh, who voiced his appreciation for the donation, hat a tender for the implementation of the project will be led in February of 1982.

mouk gets big phone system

en installed at Yarmouk University. It has 1,500 internal ion lines, 40 direct lines to Irbid and one direct line to an. The JD 140,000 project took two months to complete.

ation chief in London for talks

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AN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — Director General of Civil Aviation
Ghazi Rakan left for London on Tuesday to hold talks with itish civil aviation authorities on amending a 1979 memum of understanding between the two countries. The talks Properties to centre on increasing the number of flights to n by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline. Sharif Ghazi is panied by the director of air transport and Alia repaires.

**R(S):velopment loans approved

...), Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Development Bank for Munies and Village Councils has approved a JD 35,000 loan to micipal council of 'Irjan in Ajloun District. The loan will be ., a finance the construction of roads in the town. The bank roved a JD 29,000 loan to the town of Saham in the Bani a district. The money will be used for the purchase of a piece i to construct a school and its playground. Meanwhile, the Cooperative Organisation has approved a JD 15,000 loan Difyaneh cooperative society. The money will finance the se of farming equipment.

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West German Ambassador Hermann Munz (left) and Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin sign an agreement Thursday for German technical assistance to Jordan (Petra photo)

Contracts signed for housing projects in Ma'an and Jerash

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The two contracts were signed

by Housing Corporation Director

Hamdallah Nabulsi and rep-

resentatives of the two firms.

buildings of six flats each.

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) - The Housing Corporation yesterday signed contracts with a Chinese and a local contracting firm for the construction of housing units in Ma'an and Jerash, respectively.

The Ma'an project, in which 426 housing units will be built, is expected to cost JD 3.235 million, and will be completed in 22 months. The units will be distributed to employees of the Ma'an-Aqaba railway corporation, the Jordan Electricity Authority and the glass factory, all situated in the Ma'an area.

The project entails the con-struction of 71 buildings, each consisting of six flats. Each unit will have an area between 73 and 136 square metres.

The Jerash project entails the construction of 60 housing units at the cost of JD 503,815. The project, to be completed in 18 months, will benefit civil servants

Arab statistics seminar opens today

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) - A four-day seminar on Arab national statistics will open here on

tes are taking part in the seminar, which is organised by the Arab League's statistics department in cooperation with the Baghdadbased Arab statistics institute. They will discuss concepts, principles and methods of conducting surveys and arriving at correct figures and statistics of national products and their various elements.

The participants represent Jordan, Iraq, Libya, the United Arab Emirates, North Yemen, South Yemen, Somalia, Mauritania, Morocco, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia. Tunisia, Djibouti, Algeria, Palestine, Qatar and Syria.

Bonn signs for 2 aid projects

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) -West Germany will help Jordan prevent soil erosion and increase its cereal production, in accordance with two agreements signed at the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday.

Under the first agree West Germany will dispatch equipment and a team of experts to Jordan to help the ministry carry out projects in the Zarqa River basin aimed at stopping soil erosion. The area where the project will be imped is estimated to be 820,000 dunums.

The other agreement pro vides for aid to the ministry in a three-year programme for improving cereal production. West German experts and equipment will be sent to Jordan for this purpose.

The two agreements were signed by Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin and West German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz.

Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy, with a slight decrease in temperature and westerly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly mod-

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	Ğ	14
Agaba	10	23
Deserts	5	17
Jordan Valley	12	22

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 16, Aqaba 24. Humidity readings: Amman 48 per cent, Aqaba 33 per cent.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

* An exhibition of "Contemporary Jordanian Painters," at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

Paintings by Bassem Sheikh Jawad, at the Holiday Inn. Paintings, entitled "Desert", by Princess Wijdan Ali at the Alia Art Gallery.

 An exhibition of Koranic calligraphy and illumination at the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al-Bait Foundation) in Umm Uthaina (Sixth Circle, Jaba)

 The French Cultural Centre presents "Le Dernier Saut," a film in colour (sub-titled in Arabic), at 7:30 p.m.

ACOR lecture

* The American Centre of Oriental Research presents "The Year 3000 B.C.," a lecture by Dr. Linda Jacobs, at 6:30 p.m.

British Council Christmas party

* For members and British Council students only, at 8 p.m. Tickets: JD 1.5 each.

Dialogue held on education plans

Crown Prince Hassan yesterday participated in an open dialogue on education in Jordan held at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office here.

Planning human resources development in Jordan should be consistent with demand and supply needs in the Arab countries, Prince Hassan told an audience of senior educationalists. He said that Jordan is continually supplying Arab states with skilled and qualified manpower, and this should be taken into consideration in drafting a pan-Arab work strategy in the Arab Development Decade. Education planning, he said, should go hand-

in-hand with plans for developing science and technology. He voiced the hope that scientific and technological requirements would be provided for in the new five-year plan for education.

Addressing the audience, Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal referred to his ministry's plans to develop the educational process in Jordan, including the organisation of community colleges. The Ministry of Education has created a department of educational technology with the purpose of helping in ... jects.

the process of educational development, Dr. Tal said. The ministry is now, he said, preparing to launch special television and radio stations to beam educational programmes to students, and will operate a special centre for producing educational material on video cassettes.

During the meeting, directors of education departments in Jordan spoke out, calling for a reconsideration of the teaching profession in Jordan and of the necessity of improving teachers' conditions. They also proposed that municipal and village councils bear part of the cost of school construction and the education of their communities'

Another proposal by the participants called for Jordanian universities to recognise diplomas awarded by community colleges, so that their graduates can pursue their education at these universities.

Participants in the meeting saw two documentary films, one about the Israeli settlement policy in the occupied Arab territories and another dealing with the achievements of Jordan's development pro-

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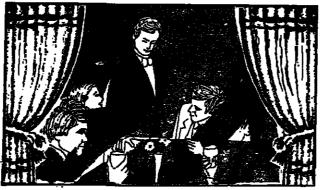
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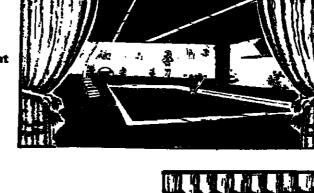
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Really, Ron.....

WHAT IS THE connection between American policy in the Middle East and the tough words that President Reagan had to say about the Polish situation? The connection is that the adoption of hypocritical double standards and non-credible exceptions for Israel have put the United States in a position where its words are bollow and its official representatives at home and abroad are gradually running out of people who can take them seriously.

President Reagan certainly cannot expect the world to take him seriously when he speaks out so vehemently against martial law, repression and denial of human rights in Poland while his government has just approved a foreign aid bill that turns over some. \$3 billion to finance occupation, repression and denial of human rights by Israel. Precisely whom does Mr. Reagan think he is kidding? The world was not born the day that Afghanistan was invaded, and nor does it sit up and bark simply because the United States is angry about events in Poland. The American leadership has to face up to the fact that it cannot sustain its role as a world power with any kind of credibility if it is going to condemn Soviet repression and totalitarianism while the United States is financing Israeli repression and totalitarianism in the occupied territories. Why does American aid to Poland require freedom for the people there to solve their own problems, while American aid to Israel ignores the large catalogue of Israeli repression against Palestinians? Can Mr. Reagan please tell us why this is?

We share the desire of the Polish people to be free and to solve their problems amongst themselves. We subscribe to the principles of liberty and human dignity that are the basis of American law and government. But we are not as mean spirited and contradictory as American leaders who fight-repression in Poland and Afghanistan but finance it in Palestine.

Really, Ron, this is too much to swallow. Please try again.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Arabs, Unite

AL RA'I: Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights is not the first serious challenge to the Arabs and certainly won't be the last. Reading throughout Israeli newspapers one can see Israel's appetite for acquiring more Arab territory in future annexations.

While the Arabs are busily confronting this challenge through the U.N. Security Council as they did on previous occasions, Israel's U.N. ambassador announced in the most arrogant manner that U.N. condemnations do not mean anything to his government, and that the Council would never impose any sanctions on Israel.

Such statements ought to be taken seriously by the Arab states which should realise that confronting the Zionist enemy requires a joint Arab action based on a new reality - that of intrinsic Arab

It should be emphasised beyond doubt that the Arabs alone can deter Israel from further acts of aggression and they alone can regain their usurped rights once they overcome their internal differences and sidestep their squabbles -- matters that have so far been encouraging Israel to pursue its aggressive policies.

Arab leaders have no other alternative but to strengthen their solidarity and realise that their only hope lies in their unity and cooperation, and in their true and responsible handling of their duty and the destiny of their nation.

Let's talk some more

AL DUSTOUR: Syria's call for an urgent meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers to discuss Israel's decision to annex the Golan Heights confirms beyond doubt our firm belief that there is no alternative to joint Arab action in the face of the enemy's challenges.

It also underlines the fact that no Arab country can act alone independently from other Arab countries which can offer her support and assistance under such circumstances.

We support the call for a foreign ministers' meeting out of the conviction that Israel's recent move constitutes a most serious challenge to the Arab nation's pride - something too big for Syria to handle alone.

Jordan firmly believes that any act of aggression against an Arab country is considered an aggression on the whole Arab nation and, therefore, must be met with a joint Arab action. However, Syria's call prompts us to wonder whether such Arab meetings, called only in times of danger, were meant only to issue condemnations and take no practical action.

Arab states have been in the habit of returning to their traditional differences and divisions once they are through with such meetings and their zeal for confronting dangers has been dampened. We wonder what the Arab states can do with of their present differences and divisions. What can the Arabs do in the event of an Israeli military action against Syria, something which cannot be ruled out? Can the Arabs in the absence of military and political coordination offer any effective help to Syria?

In trying to find answers to such questions, we sadly recall the stand of certain Arab states whose policy was designed to wreck Arab solidarity and to block all attempts to cleanse the Arab atmosphere. Such Arab attitudes have so far brought disasters and defeat to the Arab nation. The ferocity of the Zionist onslaught and Israel's expansionist moves make it incumbent on the Arab leaders to re-examine their position and adopt a strong strategy in peace and war. Their first and foremost action should be to bury their differences once and for all, and then to sit down to discuss means of confronting the Zionist challenges that represent a threat to the entire Arab nation.

ordan Times Internal differences do not hamper Maputo, PLO's campaign for recognition

By Jeremy Clift

PALESTINIAN LEADER Yasser Arafat is pressing ahead with a diplomatic campaign to win wider recognition for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) but internally the movement is deeply divided.

Mr. Arafat, the 52 year-old former engineer who has held the eight separate movements together within the PLO for the past 12 years, is making his first official trip to a member state of the European Economic Community

(EEC) He flew to Greece, the Common Market's newest member, Monday following the election victory of socialist leader Andreas Papandreou. PLO officials regard the visit to Athens as another step towards achieving greater dip-

lomatic recognition in the West. Mr. Arafat's journey follows his autumn visits to China, Japan, Vietnam, North Korea and the Soviet Union. He also made contact with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky during a visit to Abu Dhabi this month.

The diplomatic campaign by Mr. Arafat underlines the fact that the Palestinians are the most imp-

ortant element in the Middle East equation, despite the refusal of the United States to recognise or talk

to the PLO. The campaign, designed to counter allegations by Israel and some Americans that the PLO is a "terrorist" group, aimed at ham-mering home international acknowledgement of the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinians.

It was in Moscow that Mr. Arafat registered his main diplomatic success this year when President Leonid Brezhnev announced the Soviet Union's decision to give formal diplomatic status to the PLO office in Moscow.

Palestinian leaders hailed the Soviet move as a turning point in Middle East politics similar to the diplomatic breakthrough achleved in 1974 when the PLO was granted observer status at the United Nations General Assembly.

But despite some diplomatic successes, differences between Palestinian factions appear to have sharpened.

Officials in Mr. Arafat's mainstream Fatah organisation charge that breakaway leader Sabri Al Banna, also known as Abu Nidal, was responsible for the dea-

ths of several Palestinian representatives abroad, including the PLO representative in Brussels. Naim Khader, who was gunned down last June.

Differences within the PLO were also spotlighted by the Palestinian response to Saudi Arabia's peace plan for the Middle East which caused the postponement of last month's Arab summit meeting at Fez in Mor-

The conterence was indefinitely adjourned after just five hours of discussion because several key heads of state, including Syrian president Hafez Al Assad, failed to attend.

Mr. Arafat expressed reservations about the plan, but also said it was a good starting point for developing a joint Arab strategy for a Middle East settlement. The eight-point Saudi peace

formula called for the creation of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and the withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Arab territory.

But the plan's implicit recognition of the state of Israel met with the hostility of some Arab states who want to recover the whole of Palestine rather than settle for a West Bank state.

In separate statements to Reuters, several Palestinian groups charged that the Saudis were helping the Americans by presenting their plan following the impasse over the Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt.

Yasser Abed Rabbo, a PLO Executive Committee member and representative of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), described it as a plan designed to promote Saudi

leadership in the Arab region. Mahmoud Labadi, spokesman for the foreign relations department of the PLO, played down the idea that Mr. Arafat had gone out on a limb by giving a fairly favourable reception to the Saudi

"The chairman expressed some reservations about it." Mr. Labadi said. "He would have preferred it to have been discussed at the summit, but to approve it is another question."

He pointed out the plan still lay on the table and could be revived by the Saudis. "Nobody really knows how things will go now. The Fahd plan has met a backlash, but it is not dead", he stated.

Palestinian sources said that Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad). second-in-command to Mr. Arafat of PLO forces, was considering an invitation to visit Saudi Arabia to discuss how to proceed following the Morocco summit and the unfavourable reaction of some Palestinian groups to the plan.

But however things develop on the diplomatic front, Palestinian officials emphasise they will continue with plans to build up their forces in South Lebanon and strengthen activities in territory occupied by Israel.

The PLO spokesman in Dam-ascus, Abdel Mohsen Abu Maizer, told Reuters the resistance movement would "continue our struggle by all military and political means against the Zionist enemy".

Palestinian sources said new weapons had been delivered to the commandos in South Lebanon to make up for losses incurred during last summer's cross border exchanges with Israel after Israeli airforce bombed Beirut killing more than 400 civilians.

West Germany no longer haven for 'guest workers'

By Paul Taylor

WHEN THE MILLIONTH immigrant worker arrived to boost West Germany's soaring economy in 1964, welcoming officials shook his hand and gave him a free moped. Today there is talk of offering those who followed his example a lump sum of money to go

The number of foreigners has swelled to 4.5 million out of West Germany's population of 60 million and despite official attempts to stop them, they are still flooding

With unemployment rising towards two million, officials detect an alarming growth in racism against an immigrant community. living largely in big-city ghettos.

"Foreigners out", once the demand of a tiny fringe of rightwing extremists, is now a common slogan daubed on walls from Hamburg to Munich.

The Bonn government slammed on the emergency brakes this month, asking state governments to take immediate measures to check the influx of immigrants' relatives.

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states. The 1.5 million Turks are now by far the biggest immigrant group here.

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Chancellor Helmut Schmidt says he is concerned that too few immigrants are prepared to integrate into West German society.

Government spokesman Kurt Becker said Bonn wants to stop foreigners entering the country who are unwilling or unable to assimilate - those not prepared to take West German citizenship or unable to pick up the language and

Unlike the large immigrant communities in Britain or the United States, West Germany's 'guest workers' are predominantly foreign citizens with no indefinite right to live in this country.

Both state and society seem to assume it is up to the immigrants to adapt to Germany rather than Germany adapting to them. The cabinet last week urged

state governments to lower from 18 to 16 the maximum age at which dependants of non-Common market immigrants can enter the country.

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in from Turkey and other Islamic eigners should be joined by their foreigners. spouses only if they have lived at least eight years in West Germany and have been married a year.

State governments hastened to introduce the new rules and some conservative-ruled regions took even tougher measures. West Berlin issued a decree which could force thousands of unemployed foreigners over 18 who arrived as dependants to leave the city. But the edict was suspended after it aroused mass liberal protests.

W. Berlin and Frankfurt

West Berlin has some of Germany's worst social problems. Ten per cent of its 2.2 million

residents are foreigners, half of them Turks, and Mayor Richard von Weizsaecker worries about it ing its "German identity" The situation is even more acute

in Frankfurt, the gateway for arriving immigrants, where foreigners make up 25 per cent of the population. Mayor Walter Wal-

In a resolution to be put to parliament this month, Bonn's leftliberal coalition parties say a key aim of housing policy must be to prevent such concentrations of The government stresses it has

live here. But conservative officials such as Baden-Wuerttemberg State Premier Lothar Spaeth have suggested that West Germany considers offering foreigners "mat-

no plans to send home any imm-

igrant who has a legitimate right to

erial incentives" to go home. Mr. Spaeth said in a newspaper interview this month they should be offered a "return premium" equivalent to a year's unemployment benefit plus their pension payments.

Different guises to get in

Experts at the Bonn labour ministry say that despite a 1973 ban on new "guest workers", thousands of foreigners have entered the country through marriages of convenience, abuse of liberal political asylum procedures or by giv-

ing false personal details. In 1980 alone, 108,000 people came to seek asylum in West lmann says the proportion of imm-igrants in some inner-city nei-not genuine victims of political ghbourhoods is almost 75 per persecution but simply economic

refugees, officials say. Since the government tightened

up the rules, making visas compulsory for Turks, Pakistanis and Sri Lankans and forcing asylumseekers to wait two years for a work permit, the number of applicants this year has dropped to 44.000.

Officials are hard put to stop another practice involving Turks: under Turkish law, people can have their official date of birth changed once in their lifetime.

The trick, which might never have come to light if some Turkish families had not applied for child benefits twice for the same chiidren, means relatives barred on age from coming here can simply have their official age lowered.

Immigrant leaders fear the new government measures could tend to legitimise racial prejudice among West Germans.

"They brought us here in the fat years to do the jobs which Germans would not do," said a Turkish community leader in Cologne. "But now that lots of Germans are out of work, they are blaming it on the guest workers".

bury the hatchet

By Rodney Pinder

MOZAMBÏQUE, ONE of Afr. ica's poorest nations, and Portugal, one of Europe's have put aside the antagonisms of their former servant-master rel. ationship and are trying to work together for their mutual benefit.

The leaders of both comming once colonial battlefield enemies see ways in which they can help haul each other from a moras of underdevelopment and build a more prosperous future.

Mozambique is still struggling with ignorance and poverty and other afflictions of underdevelopment, and has turned to the industrialised world for aid But Portugal, an obvious source of help because of the two countries common language and expcrience, has been a closed door for most of the past six years,

Disputes over assets and inbilities left behind by Portuguese banks and businesses froze relations between Lisbon and Map uto until 1980 when Portugal dropped all claims for compensation. Slowly, aid contracts were signed, mostly providing for complet of buildings left unfinished at independence, help with hotel management and for publishing

The Bank of Portugal, the contral bank, extended an export credit to Mozambique of \$125 million and Portuguese workers began to trickle in to swell the Portuguese population here to an estimated 20,000 - still a tenth of

Mozambique is trying to tackle its illiteracy problem by educating 100,000 adults a year to read and write. Portugal could provide enough teachers for the strugging programme, Mozambican officials

Portuguese doctors and other medical staff are also desperately needed but the training of skilled personnel is seen by officials as the key to Mozambique's future.

Mozambique has a wealth of mineral riches and its 2,500 kilometre shoreline has potentially excellent ports which could ship its raw materials, and those of its landiocked neighbours, to the industrial world.

It has abundant reserves of coal estimated at a minimum of 1.5 billion tonnes -- plus iron, asbestos, bauxite, copper and natural gas.

But it lacks the skills to get the ports. Western diplomats said Portugal sees itself as a provider of these skills, welding a partnership that could be a model for northsouth cooperation.

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rabs blacklist Renault U.S. economy expands Laker reported in cash trouble WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (A.P.) rate of decline for that July-

head office has decided to i tlist the giant automaker nault" and 20 other firms in trab World "for violating the of the boycott office," missioner-General Nurallah ullah said today.

nong firms placed on the blacklist are the Hong es-based Compagnie des Vilde Vacance de la Mer de Ltd. (CVVMC), Coronet stries Inc., U.S.A., Coronet ets Ltd., Canada, United eries Ltd., India, Cadbury ectionary Malaysia Sen-

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Mr. Nurallah, speaking at the end of a six-day meeting by the regional liaison officers of the boycott offices in Arab countries at the Meridien Hotel here, said other foreign firms had been placed on the blacklist while five companies had been removed "for expanded a bit more than earlier having abided with boycott regulations."

The five companies were cited as: Rolls Royce Motors Ltd., Britain, C. Itoh and Co. Ltd., Japan, Hardy Spicer Ltd., Britain, Salisbury Transmission Ltd., Britain, Soofi Enterprises, India.

The boycott office is made up of representatives of the 21-member Arab League. The head office resolutions are binding to all Arab League member states but Egypt has been taking an independent course since it signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

- The United States' economy reported during the third quarter of this year, growing at an annual rate of 1.4 per cent despite widespread agreement that a new rec-

ession was beginning, the government reported today. Inflation-adjusted gross national product-the broadest measure of national economic activity-grew more than twice as fast as the 0.6 per cent annual rate estimated by the commerce department one month ago, the new report indicated.

In October, commerce officials had first estimated a 0.6 per cent

September period following a 1.6 per cent rate of decline in the second quarter.

The new revision was not expected to change any economists' minds about the current recessions since the report said the third-quarter gain in "real" GNP was mostly due to a build-up of inventories rather than to strong

In other words, businesses were still turning out new products at a fast clip in the third quarter, but at the same time sales and new orders were beginning to dry up.

That led to a fourth quarter in which business officials have cut back production and laid off workers--a classic recession--in order to sell those inventories. Economists inside and outside

the government have been gradually lowering their estimates of fourth-quarter GNP--many saying it will fall at a rate of about 4 to LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — Laker Airways, founded by Sir Freddie Laker, pioneer of cut price air travel, has, according to the London Times, "severe cash flow difficulties" as it sought more time to pay interest on bank loans totalling £191 million (\$361

The Times said Thursday a British government guarantee is among options being considered by the Bank of England and other banks involved in talks aimed at resolving the airline's financial problems. But another British newspaper, the Daily Mail, claimed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is opp-

osed to what it described as "mounting pressure" for government assistance for the airline. There was no immediate comment from the bank, the government or Laker on the reports.

The self-made British tycoon launched his Skytrain service Sept. 26, 1977, after a seven-year battle with aviation authorities and governments. It heralded in a new era of cut price trans-Atlantic travel and sparked a bitter price wat with rival airlines. Sir Freddie, 50-year-old chairman of Laker Airways, has denied his airline is in serious financial trouble.

He has his debts split into two main parts. One consists of £68.6 million (\$129.72 million) loaned by a consortium of 13 banks headed by Britain's 5 per cent, some saying 8 per cent. Midland Bank. Laker used this loan to buy three

A-300 European Airbus jets.

The consortium is expected to decide before the end of this month on whether to allow Laker to delay paying £3.7 million (\$6.99 million) in repayments due on this loan.

The other £122.4 million (\$231.45 million) in loans comes from a deal worked out with a banking consortium headed by Eximbank of America. The loan was made to enable Laker to buy American DC-10 jets to fly the trans-Atlantic route.

The Eximbank consortium reportedly has reached agreement with Laker to extend time for repayments on this loan but is now insisting that the Midland consortium reaches a similar agreement if the Eximbank agreement is to stand.

But the British domestic news agency Press Association said West German and Austrian banks in the Midland consortium so far have refused Laker's request for more time to pay because of the airline's cash flow problems.

Laker took the loans last year to buy the new fuel efficient jets. But then the value of the British pound fell sharply, pushing up the sterling value of the debts, world recession sharply cut back pas-

senger numbers, and Laker's profits slumped. The Times and other newspapers said the talks between Laker and the banks have now broadened beyond rescheduling of debt repayments.

ATT proposes new textile accord

EVA; Dec. 18 (R) — Offof the General Agreement ariffs and Trade (GATT) put forward a draft doct which delegates said could the basis of a new textiles etween developing country ters and industrialised cou-

compromise draft, pre-1 last night by GATT or-General Arthur Dunkel. t to bridge a gap between the tionist approach of the ean Economic Community and demands by the Third exporters for trade lib-

> egates to the 51-nation texommittee of GATT, which is ating a renewal of the four-Multifibre Arrangement

(MFA) expiring on December 31, agreed unofficially that an accord was now in sight. The MFA sets the rules for bilateral restraints between the developing country exporters and industrialised cou-

U.S. negotiator Peter O. Murphy, who was under instructions to harden his country's moderate stance to reflect the recent U.S. economic downturn, told reporters there were still some difficulties but he said he was sure there would be renewal this year of the arrangement.

But Felipe Jaramillo, the Colombian delegate and spokesman for developing exporting countries, said they could not accept Mr. Dunkel's language on the EEC's so-called anti-surge mec-

This is a proposal by the 10nation community to shield its declining textile industry from the devastating surge in imports when an exporter suddenly boosts its sales drive on a particular product.

Horst Krenzler, the EEC negotiator, said Mr. Dunkel's text was not the final draft as the talks were still proceeding. But he noted that for the first time an MFA document singled out the dominant suppliers for special treatment and contained a proposal to limit import surges.

Some trade sources said last night's draft, if eventually accepted by governments, would lead to marginally tougher restrictions on suppliers.

Third World exports covered by

the pact are estimated at about \$19 billion a year.

A GATT spokesman said there appeared to be general accord that a new arrangement starting next January should run for five years, in contrast with the last two pacts

which each lasted four years. EEC industrial affairs commissioner Etienne Davignon met senior diplomats from the 10 member governments soon after his arrival from Brussels yesterday as negotiations on the new MFA entered a crucial phase, EEC sounces said today.

Mr. Dunkel met key delegations from the 51-nation GATT textiles committee this morning to discuss compromise terms for renewal which he filed last night.

U.S. agricultural support bill squeaks through House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (R) -The U.S. Congress adjourned Wednesday night until Jan. 25 shortly after the House of Representatives passed a compromise \$11 billion agriculture support bill on a 205-203 vote.

The bill, renewing agricultural subsidies, international food aid and agriculture research activities for four years, was approved by the Republican-controlled Senate earlier this month.

The administration repeatedly used the threat of veto by President Reagan to persuade congressmen to enact less generous programmes than farm supporters had sought.

In the last hours before the vote, the bill gained the support of Democratic leaders, who feared that the prospect of no new farm programmes next year would harm farmers more than Mr. Reagan's austere pian.

The chairman of the House agriculture committee, Texas Democrat Kika De la Garza, said the measure provided a safety net for farmers. "Granted it may not be what they want, but it is the best we can do under the circumstances," he said.

The bill grants farmer beans, wool, peanuts and sugar. But opponents argued that the-

rease in price supports for wheat. corn (maize), cotton, rice, soynew rates would not compensate for three years of declining farm income.

Much of the opposition came from the dairy industry. The administration, faced with a mounting surplus of several hundred million pounds of milk, butter and cheese, had refused to raise dairy support.

Japanese get big Kuwait job

TOKYO, Dec. 18 (R) - Japan's JGC Corporation said today it had won an order worth about \$1 billion from the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) to build an oil refinery at Mina Al Ahamadi along the Gulf by 1985.

The contract, on a cost-plus-fee basis, includes a feasibility study to decide the capacity of the new refinery and modify the present refinery there, it said.

Last year JGC won an order to enlarge the existing refinery to handle 270,000 barrels of crude oil a day by 1984 on a cost-cost plus-fee contract, estimated at about \$6 million. But KNPC now plans to also modify the refinery, it

The new refinery will specialise in production of petrol, paraffin oil and low-sulphur heavy oil, it



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LONDON EXCHANGE

DON, Dec. 18 (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates ading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the midday e London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — The market closed mixed after a quiet session and at 1500 the F.T. index was up 2.7 at 521.4.

Equity leaders ended narrowly higher but government bonds fell as much as half a point in line with the lower New York bond market. Although the rejection of the latest pay offer by the U.K. mine workers was expected, the news served to underscore the prevailing gloom, dealers added. Gold shares eased with the bullion price and North American

stocks closed quietly mixed.

Croda international rose to 70p from 431/2 initially following a dawn raid for 14.99 per cent of Croda's voting shares, Croda subsequently softened to 68p but market sources were spe-Other oils were narrowly mixed.

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SPORTS

Ramtha crowned League champions

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — Ramtha Football Club were crowned League champions today at the end of a friendly match against Faisally Football Club.

The match was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who presented the League Trophy and medals

Faisally won today's game 2-1 but this result had no effect on the Premier Division standings. Faisally were runners-up in the division and were presented with silver medals.

Lloyd demands better team effort

PERTH, Dec. 18 (A.P.) --- West Indies cricket captain Clive Lloyd today cracked the whip demanding a better effort from his players for tomorrow's important Benson and Hedges Cup match against Pakistan at the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA) ground here.

We have come to the point where we have to turn the corner," said Lloyd after a strenuous



Lloyd who had earlier organised an early morning run for his team, said that the situation was not yet desperate.

"But we must start to play a bit better, or else we could find ourselves in plenty of trouble," he

The West Indies, winners of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup competition against Australia and England in Australia two season ago, and favourites for this summer's series, have made a poor start.

The West Indies have played three qualifying games and have lost to Australia in Sydney and to Pakistan in Adelaide after beating Pakistan in Melbourne.

Complaints over courtside microphones

SYDNEY, Dec. 18 (A.P.) - The future of courtside microphones at tennis matches is likely to be investigated after the furore during Ilie Nastase's controversial singles match in the New South Wales (NSW) Open at White City on

Channel Seven, televising the match, was inundated by callers Australia-wide complaining about obscene language during the match

At one stage linesman Phil Schachter stormed up to the match umpire Colin Haldenby complaining of Nastase's alleged offensive language after a botlycontested point.

Unknown to the pair. Schachter's complaint, featuring the offending words, resounded through the airwaves via a nearby microphone to television viewers throughout the country.

Asked his reaction to the news that Channel Seven had received a multitude of complaints regarding obscene language, Nastase told pressmen: "Well, they shouldn't watch me. If they don't like to watch me they should change the

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channel or do something else." World Series Cup one-day com-

Nice to bid for Olympics

Coe, Ovett to battle over 3000m in July

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — World record holders Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett will have their longawaited battle over 3,000 metres in a four-nation athletics international in London next July.

Andy Norman, England team manager for the Commonwealth

Games next year in Brisbane, said today the pair would race each other in a meeting against Kenya. Spain and Japan at Crystal Palace

in July 17. Coe, 25, holds the world records for 800 metres, 1,000 metres, and the mile while Ovett, who is a

ppell, one of the most vocal critics

of the MCG wicket, Mr. Ridings

said: "We are satisfied that, tho-

ugh improvements have been

made to centre wicket levels this

season, the pitch is not yet up to

the standard required for first-

"The board appreciates that the

We are hopeful that the pitch

Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) is

undertaking a great deal of work designed to effect further imp-

for the test against the West Indies

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board will immediately seek from

the MCC acceptable plans for

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Chappell has said the MCG

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Future of MCG for test cricket in doubt

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 18 by Australian captain Greg Cha-(A.P.) — The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has warned it could bypass the controversial Mel-bourne Cricket Ground (MCG) for tests next (southern) summer.

The warning came after a meeting of the ACB executive at the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA) ground here

ACB chairman Phil Ridings said in a statement the board was satisfied the Melbourne pitch was not up to first-class standard. The board confirmed that the

first test between Australia and West Indies starting on Boxing Day would go ahead at the MCG. But it warned that all big cricket could be taken off the ground next

summer unless the wicket is imp-England makes a six-test tour of Australia next summer with New Zealand the third team in the

petition. After today's meeting, attended

NICE, France, Dec. 18 (A.P.) -The French riviera city of Nice has decided to pose its candidacy for both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games of 1992, Mayor Jacques Medecin announced yesterday.

He said the city had already been in contact with the International Olympic Committee, which he said was "very int-

vear older, has the world record for 1,500 metres. Ironically, Ovett beat Coe over

800 metres to win the 1980 Olympic gold medal, bot Coe defeated Ovett to take the 1,500 metres title. They met only once before then, at the 1978 European Championships in Prague, where East German Olaf Beyer beat them both over 800 metres, and have not clashed since.

Despite their record-breaking achievements of this year, during which they shattered the world mile mark three times, there was speculation that the pair were avoiding each other.

But Norman, a close friend of Ovett's, said today it had not needed much persuasion to bring them together. "I suppose all the speculation by the media had a lot to do with it. I think they were both getting a little fed up with it."

Norman also dismissed as pure speculation a newspaper report today that the pair would also meet over 800 metres and the mile at meets in Cologne and the United States next summer.

"There is no agreement, and they will definitely not meet in Cologne because the date clashes with another engagement. There is only one meeting at this point".

he said. It is also regarded as more difficult to set up a head-to-head race between them over 800 or 1,500 metres, which Coe and Ovett regard respectively as their spe-cialities. There is less prestige to be lost in a race over another dis-

Intriguingly at Crystal Palace, there is a possibility the two will have to confront Kenyan Henry Rono, who holds the world record for 3,000 metres.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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Opening lead: Jack of .

Some card combinations are hardly discussed in the textbooks. That is because you have to rely on bluff rather than technique in handling them. Here's a case.

North-South arrived at four hearts after a straightforward auction. South gave full value to his fit for partner's club suit when he chose to jump to

game. West led the jack of diamonds, covered by the queen and won by the ace. East continued with the king, and declarer ruffed. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps. ending in dummy, and was now faced with the prospect of holding his spade losers to two if he was going to make his game.

Those prospects were not

bright. The fact that East did not shift to the king of spades at trick two, combined with the fact that West had not raised his partner's overcall or led a high spade, suggested that the spade honors were split. The only legitic mate way for declarer to limit his losers in the suit to two is to find a defender with a doubleton spade bonor and to guess which defender that is. For example, suppose that East had one fewer eard in snades. Declarer leads a low spade to his queen, forcing out West's king. Next time he leads the suit. declarer plays low from dummy and East must win the ace "on air." establishing dummy's jack.

But declarer was aware that the chances of a 52 spade distribution were against the odds, especially since neither defender had tried for a ruff in the suit. He decided that he had a better chance relying on the human element. So he led the jack of spades from dummy, as if he were finessing! East played low and West won the king. Declarer ruffed the diamond continuation, crossed to dummy with a high club and led another spade toward his queen, thus establishing the lady as his tenth trick.

We will leave it up to the readers to decide whether East should be charged, but we will permit a peek at our crime sheet: East should have realized that the defenders would probably need three spade tricks to defeat the contract. Is there any holding where, if declarer has the king, the defenders can score enough tricks in the suit?

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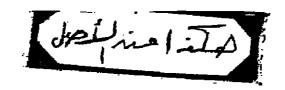


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FEATURES

Let the babies live on

By Brack Curry

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union and Brazil along with the city of Washington, D.C. have recently recorded increases in their infant mortality rates, calling into question a century-old pattern that linked rising affluence with declining infant mortality.

A new study released Saturday said "a high or rising infant mortality rate, or even one that fails to decline with income gains, is the sign of a development process gone astray", said Kathleen New-Mortality and the Health of Washington-based international research organisation.

'On the other hand, a rapidly declining rate may indicate an improvement in social and nearly twice the national average. environmental conditions that is the study says.

usually expressed as the number of babies out of each thousand most clear-cut example of a born alive who die before reaching country-wide increase in infant the age of one. For the world as a deaths, rising from a rate of 26 in

97 per thousand. That is, roughly one child out of every ten does not live to see its first birthday.

fewer than 10 babies per thousand born alive die in wealthy and egalitarian societies such as Sweden and Japan."
The difference between the

high and the low ends of this range is not simply the result of poverty and affluence, according to the study. There are poor countries such as Sri Lanka and China where the infant mortality rate is low, as well as rich ones such as Libya and Saudi Arabia where it is

high.
"The level of infant mortality is regarded as one of the most revealing measures of how well a society is meeting the needs of its people," the study says. "It is particularly sensitive to the distribution of available resources. Deprivation among the people of a particular region, class, or ethnic group within a country is likely to show up in an elevated infant mortality rate."

In defiance of a general postwar land, author of the report Infant trend infant mortality rates have risen in a number of areas, the Societies. It was prepared for study says. WASHINGTON, Worldwatch Institute, a D.C. recorded a 10 per cent increase in its infant mortality rate in a single year — from 22.2 deaths per thousand births in 1979 to 24.6 in 1980, giving the city a rate

In Brazil, a similar problem disguised by slow growth of the exists on a far greater scale. In its gross national product (GNP)", largest city, Sao Paulo, the infant mortality rate rose from 63 per The infant mortality rate is thousand in 1961 to 95 in 1973.

The Soviet Union presents the whole the infant mortality rate is 1971 to one of 36 in 1976, the

study says. By 1980, Soviet infants were dying at three times the rate of those in the United States. The "However, among the most study says food shortages, worse-deprived people in the world, parning industrial pollution, poorly ticularly in sub-saharan Africa, managed flu epidemics, alcoholinfant mortality rates as high as ism and the family stresses evident 200 are still found. By contrast, in rising divorce and illegitimacy all have been implicated in the increase. In addition, the proportion of the Soviet budget devoted to health care has been

_ One of the fruits of the current world economic crisis may be widespread upward pressure on infant mortality rates, the study says. As governments cut back domestic and foreign programmes for nutrition assistance motherand-child health care, family planning and environmental protection, their decisions will affect the chances for survival of society's youngest and most vulnerable members.

The study also reports the following: - In France, Switzerland, Japan, The Netherlands and all of Scandinavia, fewer than 10 babies in a thousand die. In North America and most of the rest of Western Europe, the rate is between 10 and 20 per thousand. Oil-rich Libya and Qatar with respective rates of 130 and 138 per thousand have not yet managed to translate their new wealth into the physical and social benefits that enhance their children's chances of survival. Japan, with a per capita income roughly half of Qatar's and \$500 more than Libya's, has only nine infant deaths for every thousand live

- Among high income countries, Sweden has a mortality rate of seven among middle income countries, Malaysia has a rate of 44, Brazil 84 and South Africa 97. Among low income countries, the Philippines has a rate of 65, and Nigeria 180. - In Latin America, countries such as Costa Rica. Panama and Paraguay made rapid strides in the sixties while Honduras. Bolivia and Argentina showed no improvement. -- An infant mortality rate of seven per thousand, regarded as the lowest rate attainable before the year 2000 already had been reached in Sweden in 1980.

- Associated Press

\$275,000 Beethoven portrait

By Hans G. Schurmann

BONN - This portrait of Ludwig van Beethoven, painted by Viennese artist Joseph Stieler in 1819 may not be the best there is of the German composer, but it is certainly one of the best-known. It is also one of

the few for which Beethoven is known to have sat model in Beethoven was born in Bonn

and the city's Beethoven museum, which had only an oil sketch of the painting, was keen to buy the original when it came up for auction recently. But it was unable to raise the \$275,000 needed.

Banker Hermann Josef Abs, chairman of the Beethovenhaus Society, came to the rescue. Bonn provided a grant of DM150,000, Abs stood surety for the remainder. He flew to the United States and bought the painting, which is now on show in the Beethoven

Most of the money has since been raised in donations by private individuals and by banks and companies.

Near the museum, housed in the building where the composer was born, the Beethoven Archives are working on a 55-volume edition of the composer's work. It is such an enormous task that all that can be said with certainly is that the project will not be completed in

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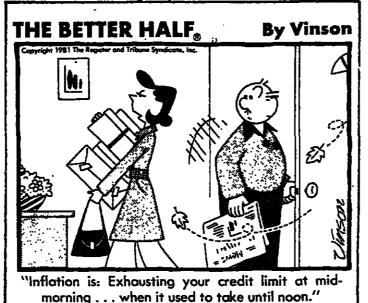
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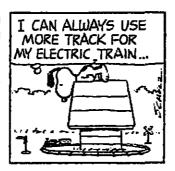


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Andy Capp





FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 19, 1981

YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to make sure you carry through in a conscientious manner with whatever agreements you have made. Make a point to show that you are interested in the welfare of others. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be sure you get your

marketing done early so you will have more time for recreation later. Spend money wisely, TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Strive for increased har-

mony with family members. Study your financial position and make plans for improvement. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Attend to home affairs and improve the quality of your life. Don't jeopardize your

present security in any way. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take time to improve your property in some way and add to its value. Engage in your favorite hobby.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Try to gain the favor of those who are related to you. Communicating with others can lead to good things at this time. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can handle private

matters wisely with the help of a clever person you know. Establish more order around you. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your environment and make plans for improvement. Complete any creative

activity you are working on. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan how to complete your routines with fewer interruptions and more efficiency. Be more tolerant of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A good friend can point out new outlets that could be profitable for you. Take treatments to improve your appearance. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be sure to handle

your obligations in a most efficient way and don't quibble over small matters. Be wise. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Listen to the good ideas of others and profit by them. Don't lose your temper

over a matter that displeases you. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Use your fine artistic talent to improve your environment. Be more willing to

cooperate with neighbors today, IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be one who naturally likes to please others and this quality could lead to a happy and prosperous life. Direct education along teaching lines for best results. Give ethical and religious training early in life.

'The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword By J. and P. Carrick

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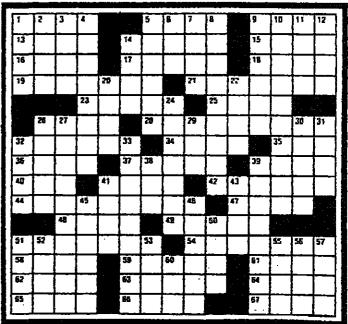
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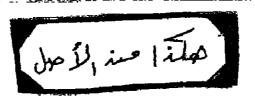
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WORLD

Polish security forces flush out resistance

VIENNA, Dec. 18 (R) — Poland's new military rulers made it clear today that they will continue to enforce martial law, despite violent opposition, until order is restored throughout the country.

A commentary by the official Polish news agency PAP said that clashes between troops and workers on Wednesday, in which seven people were killed and hundreds were wounded, could have been avoided.

In its first report on the incidents, the agency blamed unidentified provocateurs for the violence at a mine in Katowice and in the Baltic port of Gdansk.

But it said: "The authorities will not retreat, for they have nowhere to retreat to... provocations no longer have any future. Socialism will not be overthrown."

The radio said the demonstrations of the past few days, "two of which ended tragically", had been coldly-calculated attempts to plunge Poland into

In a separate report, the radio said Communist activists were volunteering to join soldiers and militia patrolling the streets of Warsaw

The radio said later a few thousand civilian volunteers, styled "self-defence groups" and wearing armbands in Poland's whiteand-red national colours, were

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 18

(R) — Seventeen million infants

died this year because no one

would finance ways to save them:

and a similar number would die in

1982, the United Nations said in a

could be immunised against six

common dangerous diseases at a

cost of \$5 per head, but five mil-

this protection, it said.

infant deaths occurred.

lion of them would die for want of

James Grant, U.S. head of the

U.N. Children's Fund, UNICEF,

who prepared the document, said

there was every reason to believe

that times were getting worse, not

Hardest hit were the poorest

lands of Africa and South Asia,

where three-quarters of this year's

Mr. Grant said that average

incomes in the poor countries of

Africa and South Asia were unl-

ikely to rise by more than one or

In Africa, the effects of food

shortages had been compounded

by the unstaunched flow of ref-

ugees and there were now six mil-

two dollars a year in the 1980s.

better, for the poorest children.

Every child in poor countries

report today.

17 million infants died

in '81, UNICEF says

already patrolling the capital alongside police and soldiers.

Their duty was to help keep order, but they were unarmed, the radio said.

As the martial law authorities reaffirmed their hard line against opposition, there were fresh reports of resistance from Katowice in the Silesian coal-mining region of southern Poland.

A traveller who arrived in Austria from Katowice today said security forces had stormed at least two mines near the city yesterday.

The man, who asked not to be identified, said he saw tanks coming from the Staszic mine, where miners were later reported to have resumed work. He had also been told that people had been wounded when security forces took over the Kostuchna mine.

But the traveller said miners were still occupying the Piast and Ziemovit collieries in Tychy. 15 kilometres outside Katowice. when he left the city by train last

The worst violence since martial law was imposed last Sunday was reported from the Wujek mine at Katowice. Warsaw radio and PAP

lion displaced persons, almost half

"another year of silent eme-

rgency, of 40,000 children quietly

dying each day, of 100 million chi-

ldren quietly going to sleep hungry at night, of 10 million children

quietly becoming disabled in mind

and body, of 200 million six-to-11

year-olds quietly watching other

children go to school, of one-fifth

of the world's people quietly str-uggling for life itself."

Mr. Grant said that a child's life

was not priceless but was actually

price proved too high for the

world community and so "every

two second of 1981, a child paid

that price with its life."

worth less than \$100.

The report described 1981 as

of them children.



union leader Lech Walesa.

Poland's ambassador to Sweden

confirmed yesterday that Mr.

Walesa was under house arrest.

Travellers have reported seeing

Solidarity posters claiming that

46,000 people have been detained

Solidarity sources in London

since the military clamp-down.

said today that if correct, the fig-

ure suggested that more or less all

of the union's 40,000 full-time

labour affairs, they had been res-

ponsible for workers' welfare, pri-

Anti-Sandinista

forces form

here says.

of 1979.

merged.

guerrilla units

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras. Dec. 18 (A.P.) — Nicaraguans

opposed to the Sandinistas' rev-

put the Sandinistas in power in

one way. These methods are not

the exclusive property of the

Communists," said the organiser.

a National Guard officer under

the regime of Anastasio Somoza

ousted by the Sandinistas in July

"We are not Somocistas (bac-

His organisation, the Dem-

ocratic Nicaraguan Forces, was

formed this summer when the

15th of September Legion and the

Nicaraguan Democratic Union

ners of the merger is Jose Fra-

ncisco Cardinal, who was a mem-

ber of the Sandinistas' advisory

council. You could hardly call him

a Somocista," said the Organiser.

You will notice one of the sig-

kers of Somoza), we do not want

to return to the past," he said.

1979, an organiser for the group

Guerrilla wars are fought only

Apart from running Solidarity's

workers have been arrested.

day's imposition of martial law in Poland await

aircraft for Warsaw at Orly Airport in Paris (A.P. Wirephoto)

said seven workers were killed and they had gathered at the grave of former Polish primate Cardinal 39 were injured when security for-Wyszinski in Warsaw. ces opened fire after being att-The reports said the protesters

acked by strikers on Wednesday. sang the Polish national anthem The other major incident was at and waved Polish flags, and some Gdansk, where 164 civilians and chanted slogans demanding the 160 members of the security forrelease of Solidarity free trade ces were reported injured.

Other travellers reported grim scenes of stolid resistance to the martial law authorities elsewhere in Poland.

A law student told reporters he had attended a strike committee meeting on Wednesday at a Krakow petroleum company.

"There were about 200 people meeting outside in the back yard. shuffling their feet against the cold and keeping an eye out for the militia," he said.

"It was very grim, matter of fact, matter of obligation. When the vote came, 200 voted in favour of a strike, four voted against." Reports reaching Western

embassies in Bonn today spoke of escalating violence in several areas of Poland. They said several thousand

demonstrators were violently dispersed by police yesterday after

Creationism set for defeat "Wisely spent on each of the in Arkansas

poorest 500 million mothers and LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, Dec. young children in the world, such a 18 (R) - The American Civil sum could have bought improved Liberties Union (ACLU) was condiets and easier pregnancies, elementary education and basic heafident today it had destroyed the Ith care, safer sanitation and more scientific basis behind a law forwater." he said. "In other words, it cing Arkansas schools to teach could have brought the basics of that the earth was the result of supernatural creation. But in practice, he said, the

The nine-day trial, which ended yesterday and now awaits a judge's ruling, was expected to set a precedent for similar laws pending in at least 16 other states and for another already passed in Lou-

Judge William Overton said it would probably take several days to draw up a ruling on the ACLU challenge to the law.

But after seeing their witnesses humiliated and ridiculed in the trial, the religious fundamentalists who pushed through the law had no doubt which way the judge would decide.

They laid the blame squarely and bitterly on Arkansas Attorney General Steve Clark's handling of the defence.

The far right, riding high since claiming a large role in President Reagan's election, felt sufficiently committed to the splinter cause of Creationism to intervene in the

The Moral Majority, dominant force in the heavily political religious movement, accused Judge Overton of being biased and said the defence had been mishandled.

The Arkansas law says government-run schools teaching evolution as a science must also teach the Creationist theory that supernatural forces created universe about 6,000 years ago.

Teaching religion is forbidden in U.S. state schools and the defence called 11 witnesses in an attempt to establish that Creationism was a science.

The result was a parade of biblical literalists and small-college professors who were spectacularly demolished under aggressive ACLU cross-examination.

One suggested insects might have a greater collective intellect than man. Another said unidentified flying objects were the work of the devil. Two said they would under certain circumstances approve of teaching that the earth was flat.

Judge Overton, regarded in Arkansas as a liberal, kept virtually silent for six days and then broke angrily into the evidence of a defence witness, telling him he had talked for two hours and offered not one fact.

Even in Bible Belt of the deep south, the law is an embarrassment to many Arkansans and most state teachers and almost all its religious groups have joined the ACLU in seeking to kill nting leaflets and posters and distributing food and drugs.

The West German Navy meanwhile reported that Polish warships have sealed off the country's Baltic coast in an apparent attempt to prevent an exodus of refugees.

Despite emergency aid from the West, it was clear that the crisis was aggravating food shortages in Polish cities. Warsaw Radio said today that shops in the capital could not cope with the demand for bread and potatoes, because of

In Brussels. Belgian govemment officials said that emergency food, medical and clothing supplies were apparently getting through to Poland from Belgium despite the country's isolation from the West.

Officials of the European Common Market, which has agreed aid packages worth \$60 million over the past year, were not sure whether cheap food available under the programme was being delivered in Warsaw.

Dom Mintoff olutionary government are forming guerrilla units to oust it in a campaign much like the one that for third successive term

VALLETTA. Dec. 18 (R) -Malta's ruling Labour Party leader Dom Mintoff, 65, took the oath of office today as the country's prime minister for the next

Mr. Mintoff, in power for the past 10 years, accepted the mandate from President Anton Buttigieg despite a call by Nationalist Party leader Edward Fenech Adami not to do so since the Labour Party received fewer votes in last Saturday's general election than the Nationalists.

The president is obliged under the constitution to offer the mandate to the leader of the party which had won most seats.

Under the proportional representation system used in Malta. the Labour Party won 34 seats and the Nationalists 31.

Defence pulls surprise move in Świss trial of Armenian

GENEVA. Dec. 18 (A.P.) - The trial of an alleged Armenian terrorist, charged with slaying at Turkish consular employee here last spring, was recessed shortly after its opening as the defence, in a surprise move, claimed it can produce evidence that he is only 17 and thus would have to be tried by a juvenile court.

Mardiros Jamkodjian, a selfavowed member of the clandestine Armenian Secret Liberation Army (ASALA), is charged with premeditated murder in the shooting death of Mehmet Yergoz last June in midtown Gen-

Conviction by a regular court would carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. For youths under the age of 18, the maximum penalty under the Swiss criminal code is ten years commitment to a juvenile institution.

Jamkodjian, in a pretrial hearing, had given his age at 23, although all observers agreed he looked younger.

Jamkodjian's arrest gave rise to the elusive "June 9th Org-anisation," which has taken credit for setting off seven timebombs in four Swiss cities. The explosions injured 37 persons, one fatally.

In addition, the group's bombs have caused minor damage at Swiss targets in Tehran. Copenhagen and Los Angeles.

The anti-Swiss extremists, who have demanded the release of the Lebanese-born Jamkodjian, are believed to be linked to the Marxist-leaning ASALA.

ASALA, devoted to avenging what it says was the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians by Turks early this century, is believed by law enforcement officials to be the largest of four clandestine Armenian movements which have claimed responsibility for slaving 17 Turkish diplomats and their relatives since 1975.

Jamkodjian, who has acknowledged ASALA affiliation, is the third suspected Armenian commando tried in Geneva this

Given suspended prison terms Ara Yenikomishian, 26, and Suzy Mahseredjian, 25, of Canoga Park, Calif. They were injured in a premature bomb blast Oct. 3,

His Swiss defence counsel, Gerald Benoit, was joined by Patrick Devedjian, a Paris lawyer of Armenian descent. In a pre-trial interview with the Lausanne newspaper "Tribune-Le Matin" Devedjian was quoted as saying that the "defendant did not strike an innocent person, he has struck the executing agent of a policy designed at all levels to obscure the

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

8 Thai aides resign

BANGKOK, Dec. 18 (R) — Eight members of the Thai por-ernment including Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila resigner today to enable Prime Minister Prem Tinsulamonda to form a new coalition cabinet. Deputy Prime Minister Prachuab San tharangkul and two ministers in the prime minister's office its igned vesterday.

Imported bandages upset Britons

LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — British Health Minister Dr. Gengl Vaughan said today first-aid dressings imported from India wise contaminated with "a variety of bacteria" and could have been circulation in Britain for a year or more. The health mining reported yesterday tests were being done to decide whether the dressings-commonly used in home, office and car first id kits—were contaminated with bacteria causing gangrene, tellows or botulism. He said similar dressings imported into Australia in months ago were found to be infected following an investigation of gangrene. The health ministry indentified the makers of the dressings as three Indian manufacturers: Jayer Exports, Basing Weaving Industries and Joy Industries.

Dr. Richter falls into canyon

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 (R) - Dr. Charles Richter, 81 the seismologist who gave his name to the scale for measuring the intensity of earthquakes, was found wandering in a daze in a canyon here after a car accident, police have said. A police sp. kesman said Dr. Richter's car swerved off a road in Arrogo Sen Canvon here when a tyre burst. He was unable to climb back to the canyon and wandered about for six hours in the cold and spotted by a policeman, the spokesman added. Dr. Richter was taken to a nearby hospital where he was said to be in good

BBC: Poles forced into crackdown

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) - The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported last night that the Polish authorities imposed martial law after an ultimatum from the Soviet commander of the Warsaw Pact. BBC correspondent Tim Sebastian, reporting from Warsaw, said semi-official contacts had confirmed that Marshi Viktor Kulikov, commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Pact force, met Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski last Thursday and Friday. The correspondent said: "He is reported to have given him as ultimatum--if you don't do it, we will." He added that the final order for the imposition of martial law was given only 48 hours in

6 bodies found in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Dec. 18 (A.P.) - Authorities reported finding the bodies of six unidentified young men Wednesday in San Agustin, 129 kilometres southeast of here, and in Nejapa, 32 kilometres to the north. Guerrillas blasted two towers carrying electric transmission lines, blacking out part of the capital for several hours. There was no immediate indication whether the six men had been killed by he right or the left.

CIA agent Hunt gets \$650,000

MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 18 (R) — Watergate conspirator Howard Hunt was awarded \$650,000 in libel damages vesterday against a Washington-based political organisation, Liberty Lobby, Mr. Hunt, a former agent for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), sued over an article in Liberty Lobby's weekly newspaper in 1978 headlined "CIA to nail hunt for Kennedy Killing." The defence ued that the article, written by another K Victor Marchetti, was not defamatory because it did not say that Mr. Hunt was actually involved in the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, only that the CIA was out to frame him for purposes of its own. A federal court jury of four men and two women disagreed and awarded Mr. Hunt \$100,000 in conpensatory damages and \$550,000 in punitive damages.

British torpedos create record

LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.) - The largest fixed-price contract ever awarded by Britain's defence ministry was announced Wednesday-a £500-million order for torpedos. The contract went to Marconi Space and Defence Systems Ltd., for development and initial production of a new heavyweight torpedo for the Royal Navy and for continuing work on the Stingray lightweight torpedo.

West European Ariane poses serious challenge for U.S. space shuttle

PARIS, Dec. 18 (A.P.) - With a fistful of contracts in hand and two successful launches under its belt, the Western European space programme is preparing the fourth and final test flight of the Ariane satellite launcher.

It will be the last free ride before the European Space Agency (ESA) begins limited commercial operations next year and starts earning its cut of the billion-dollar space telecommunications ind-Lift-off is currently scheduled for 0130 GMT Sunday, 24 hours

after the first schedule because of a minor problem in the launcher's Full commercial operations are set to begin sometime in 1983

when Ariane III, with a bigger payload capacity, takes over. In June, the third test launch from ESA's jungle base at Kourou, French Guyana. sent two satellites into synchronous earth orbit, breaking a quarter-century superpower monopoly and showing that a consortium of smaller nations can compete with the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

It also helped erase the impression of the disastrous second test, in which the rocket burst into flames moments after lifting off from Kourou on May 23, 1980. ESA scientists said they traced the failure to excessive vibration in the launcher's first stage boosters and corrected the problem.

The first launch, on Christmas eve 1979, went off without a hitch. The fourth test of the three-stage Ariane, which cost \$1.2 billion to develop and build, is scheduled to launch a maritime communications satellite and a scientific capsule to measure electron density in the ionosphere.

The developers of Europe's answer to the U.S. space shuttle estimate that about 200 weather, civil communications, scientific and non-offensive military satellites will be launched in the next decade. ESA wants 30 per cent of the market and says it already has firm

orders from 15 countries for 22 satellites. In a major breakthrough, two orders worth \$50 million were placed last week by the American firm General Telephone and Electronics Corp (GTE).

The GTE contract is the first time a U.S. company has chosen to launch a satellite through an agency other than NASA, according to Arianespace, the private European industrial group spun off from ESA to produce and market Ariane.

For the time being, the potential market is big enough for both

"In the near term, it's a sellers market," according to Richard Barnes, the Paris-based representative for NASA. "There are more payloads looking for launch spots than there are launching opp-

Real competition may begin by the mid-1980s when both the space shuttle and Ariane programmes are in full swing.

ESA is funded mainly by France, which picks up about 63 per cent of the tab and dominates the programme. West Germany is next with a 20 per cent contribution. Denmark, Belgium, Spain, The Netherlands, Italy, Britain, Sweden and Switzerland all have small shares. Under the ESA charter, member countries benefit in proportion to what they put into the organisation.

Iran files suit against Shah's family NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (A.P.) -

who calls himself Enrique.

The government of Iran has filed a lawsuit here against 62 alleged associates of the family of the late Shah of Iran in an attempt to recover monies it claims amount to \$36 billion.

The suit, filed yesterday in State Supreme Court in Manhattan, claimed that the money was diverted from Iran by "family appointees and associates." of the late Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. The suit asked for a court order directing those named as defendants to account for monies they allegedly diverted from the Iranian people.

According to court papers, such disclosure of "information with respect to property and assets of the Shah" is required under terms of the United States-Iran agreement that led to the freeing of the 52 Americans who were held captive in Tehran for 444 days.

The lawsuit charges that the defendants "wrongfully diverted, misappropriated, converted, embezzled and-or received personal property and money" totalling \$36 billion from the Islamic Republic of Iran and the republic's people.

In addition to an account of what happened to the money, the suit seeks an order placing assets of the defendants in trust, and restraining them from using their assets pending an accounting of funds claimed by Iran.

Robert Armao, spokesman for the deposed Shah's widow and others named in the suit, said be would have no comment until attomeys study the suit.



